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Mourning for Soldiers Slain

Canadian Premier Sends Words of Sympathy to Her Volunteers' Commander.

Sad News But Nerves Dominion for Full Duty—Col. Prior's Message.

Ottawa, Feb. 22.—All flags here are half-masted in respect for the Canadian dead at Modder river. In the Commons Sir Wilfrid Laurier made touching allusion to the wounded and the families of the slain. The news, he said, is such as to confirm Canada's resolve to do her full duty in the present emergency.

Sir Charles Tupper in an eloquent speech, also expressed sympathy and suggested that Sir Wilfrid send a telegram to Col. Otter. The Premier approved and sent a warm message to-night.

Col. Prior has wired Col. Grey to convey his sincere sympathy to the families of the British Columbia killed and wounded.

Up to a late hour no official news of the casualties had been received.

THE SLAIN VOLUNTEERS.

Western Ontario Moved by Heavy Share in the List of Casualties.

London, Ont., Feb. 21.—The Globe's special despatch from the front giving the names of those of the Canadian first contingent who fell in Sunday's fighting, was repeated to the local papers here and created intense excitement. Extra editions of the evening journals were all issued.

Private J. E. Donegan was the third son of P. D. Donegan, a locomotive fireman in the C. P. R. round-house in this city. Donegan's parents had no news from the front, and were completely overcome when informed of their son's death.

Private Robert Smith, whose name appears among the list of killed, was the son of William Smith, of 867 Adelaide street. He is well known in London.

Private White, of Windsor, was 20 years of age. He belonged to the 21st Essex Fusiliers at the time of enlistment in the first contingent. He was the only son of Joseph White, Chatham street, and Sol. White, ex-M. P., is an uncle. His father, mother and one sister survive.

Gordon White, son of Robert White, is another Windsor boy with the contingent, and it is possible the despatch refers to him. Both are well known in London.

BRUTALITY AT MAFEKING.

Boers Continue to Make Victims of Defeasible Women and Children.

London, Feb. 22.—The Daily Mail prints the following from Mafeking, dated Tuesday, February 20:

"The houses in the women's laager are riddled with bullets, notwithstanding the Boer promises. A woman who was standing with a sucking child was shot through the breast while among four hundred women and children. An explosive 94-pounder shell burst in the laager, a piece fixing itself in the spine of a nine-year-old boy. The explosive caused blood-poisoning, and he lingered several days in agony."

Lorenzo Marques, Feb. 21.—An official report received from Col. Baden-Powell of the occurrences in Mafeking up to February 3 concludes as follows: "Gen. Shymen, in reply to a letter complaining of the deliberate shelling of women and children's laager, offered no excuse or apology, and by transparent falsehood admits he ordered the shelling. I have told him that I have now established temporary premises for the prisoners in the women's laager and hospital in order to protect them from deliberate shelling."

TROOPSHIP FROM HALIFAX.

Mounted Rifles and Artillerymen Constituting Fourth Shipload of Canadians.

Halifax, Feb. 21.—(Special)—The transport Milwaukee, the fourth steamer to leave Canada for the Cape with Canadian volunteers for service in South Africa, sailed from the dockyards here at 5:30 this evening, with the First Battalion Canadian Mounted Rifles and the Kingston Artillery, about 600 in all, besides several special service officers.

Chaplain W. G. Lane, Lieut. Moodie and about 30 men of the Second Battalion of Rifles left behind from the Pomeranian and New Brunswick Artillerymen, also left behind from the Pomeranian, went by the Milwaukee. The special service officers included Lieut. Col. Gordon, D. O. C., Montreal, and Lieut. John A. Macdonald, of the 82nd Battalion.

Lord Seymour and Minister Borden bade farewell to the men.

NO OVERTURES FOR ALLIANCES. Official Statement Called Forth by American Comment on Rossberry's Words.

London, Feb. 10.—A representative of the Associated Press has been officially and emphatically informed that Great Britain had not at any time made any diplomatic or other advances for alliance with the United States or Germany. So far as this statement refers to the United States it is fully confirmed at the United States embassy and hopes are expressed that the fate report will die a natural death. In consequence of Lord Seymour's speech, cabled references to such alliance continue to appear in the British newspapers, though the view is taken here that Lord Rossberry referred to Mr. Joseph Chamberlain's alliance speech rather than to any secret negotiations, as his words were "public overtures last December."

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NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

Queen's Message to Canadian Troops—Command of the Bisley Team—Rifle Practice.

Ottawa, Feb. 22.—Mr. McInnes to-day introduced a bill to debar Chinese and Japanese from working in the mines.

A cable received by Lord Minto this morning from London said: "Her Majesty the Queen appreciates the enthusiastic loyalty of Canada and wishes the Queen's Government to accept (Signed) Chamberlain." This cable is doubtless in regard to the departure of Canadian troops to-day from Halifax.

Col. Prior occupied the chair at the Dominion Rifle association meeting to-day. Col. Gibson was re-elected president and all the vice-presidents for the different provinces were re-elected. Lt. Col. Delamere, of Toronto, will likely be appointed in command of the Bisley team. The general opinion expressed at the meeting was that the militia should get more practice at longer ranges.

BOER PRODIGIES.

Official Reports Still Tell How With Trifling Loss They Drive the British.

Pretoria, Feb. 19.—A portion of an official report from Cronje, dated Feb. 18,

"Yesterday morning about 6 o'clock, while removing the laager near Scholtznek we were attacked by the British. The fight lasted until 7:30 in the evening. Although on the whole the British were driven back, they each time renewed the attack. The loss to the British must have been considerable. Thus far the Boer loss has been 8 killed and 12 wounded. This morning the British shelled with cannon. Chief Commandant Ferreira's forces were too small to stop the cavalry from entering Kimberley."

Pretoria, Feb. 20.—Official reports have been received as follows:

"Commandant Steyler says on Saturday, 17th, and Sunday 18th, near Koodoosrand, he fought the British who tried to shoot down Gen. Cronje's laager and drove them off. They fought until late Sunday evening. The Boers had one man killed and one wounded, and captured booty and 21 horses and mules."

Gen. DeWitt says on Sunday afternoon he arrived between Paardeberg and Koodoosrand, in which direction there had been heavy firing since morning. He stormed several kopjes which the British vacated, leaving their dead and wounded on the Boers who captured the kopjes. The Boer loss was two men killed and four wounded. The fight lasted until late in the evening.

Pretoria, Feb. 21.—A curious despatch from Pretoria dated Tuesday, 20th, announces that Commander Ferreira was killed on February 19, adding that his death was believed to be the result of an accident.

Cronje probably has with him, besides the original force of 10,000, 8,000 invaders of Cape Colony, some of whom were of the command that fought Clements at Colesberg, while others were at Stormberg. According to authorities the Free Staters who are moving from Colenso and Ladysmith will add 10,000 more to Cronje's ranks, if indeed they are able to join him.

WHAT THE BOERS SAY.

Admit Rout From Kimberley With Loss of Guns, but Profess That Siege Is Re-established.

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London, Feb. 22.—The Times has the following from Lorenzo Marques, dated February 21:

"According to a Boer account Gen. Dewet claims to have captured, in an attack upon the rear guard of Gen. French's column, 180 wagons of provisions and ammunition, 2,800 oxen and 58 men."

This report is doubtless another version of the Boer story regarding Dewet's capture of the Riet river convoy.

GEN. BULLER'S PROGRESS.

Fifth Division Again Across Tugela After Driving Boer Rear Guard.

London, Feb. 21.—The war office has received the following from Gen. Buller: "Cheverley Camp, Feb. 21.—The Fifth Division crossed the Tugela to-day by pontoon and drove back the enemy's rear guard, our naval twelve-pounder silencing all of the enemy's guns."

MACRUM AND HIS MAIL.

Erratic Ex-Consul Insists That American Official Envelopes Were Opened.

New York, Feb. 20.—Chas. E. Macrum, formerly United States consul at Pretoria, who is now in Washington, has, according to a despatch from that city, added to his testimony that the British opened his letters, by publicly showing some of the mail, which he claims was opened.

Macrum has several envelopes, bearing the British sticker applied to the envelope after it had been opened by the censor. He has one envelope which contained mail matter from Consul-General Stowe at Capetown. It is regulation of the censorial service. It bears upon its face the legend, "United States consular service," and a stamp, "Mail suspended." On the reverse side is the United States government seal impressed upon the red sealing wax of the censorial service. The British sticker reclosing the letter after it had been opened, bears the letters "V.R." also the initials of the clerk who opened the letter, and the name of the place where it was opened. This letter was mailed at Capetown on October 4 by Consul-General Stowe. It was held back one month, apparently, for the next post mark is that of Durban, November 4. From Durban it was sent to Pretoria.

It is also claimed that the British authorities are familiar with the American consular code.

NOTICE TO APPEAL.

NOTICE is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between us, the undersigned, as Coal and Wood Dealers, in the City of Victoria, has been this day dissolved by mutual consent. All debts owing to the partnership are to be paid to James Baker, of Victoria, aforesaid, and all claims against the said partnership are to be presented to the said James Baker, by whom the same will be settled.

Dated at Victoria, this 17th day of February, A.D. 1900.

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Saunders Nesbitt, Esq.,
Board of Trade Building, Bastion Square,
Victoria, B.C.

Witness: E. E. Wootten.

THE BOERS' WEAK POINT.

Their Clinging to Defensive Tactics Not Admired by German Critic.

Berlin, Feb. 20.—The Militaire Woehlblatt in the course of an article by a high officer of the general staff, pointing out the disproofs of the Boer success, has been due to that the tactical defensive skills, says: "On the contrary the recent Boer successes prove the inefficiency of their defensive, since in circumstances have released the Boer corps guarding the defeated corps of General Buller, Lord Methuen and General White, for delivering a crushing blow to the British."

"Without such a bold offensive, the Boer will never again win a decisive victory, or accomplish more than a half measure."

The writer then reviews in detail the engagements in South Africa and makes out a strong case for Boer contention.

THE IRONY OF FATE.

Clever Maker of Kimberley's Own Gun Victim of a Boer Shell.

London, Feb. 21.—A despatch to the Standard from Modder River, dated Monday, February 19, and describing the relief of Kimberley, says that the maker of the gun christened "Long Cecil" at the DeBeers workshop, was an American named George Labram, who was afterwards killed by a Boer shell which fell in his room at the Grand hotel.

The correspondent confirms the report that the escort with the British convoy at the Riet river was reinforced and made a successful attack on the Boers in the rear. He says that Lord Roberts then ordered the wagons to be abandoned.

SUSPICIOUS OF AMERICANS.

Suggestion in French Press That They Are Seeking to Gain Martinique.

Paris, Feb. 17.—An unpleasant feature of the situation of the French press on the continent is that the British convoy to the Riet river was reinforced and made a successful attack on the Boers in the rear. He says that Lord Roberts then ordered the wagons to be abandoned.

Major Biles, of the Yukon field force, arrived at Seattle by the Cottage City on Monday. He is hurrying to Ottawa, presumably to receive orders to go to South Africa.

H. R. Cameron, of Nelson, is at the Oriental, Mr. Cameron is agent of the Northern Life Insurance Co.

John Hall, of Vancouver, is at the Victoria.

C. L. Lightfoot, of Vancouver, is at the Victoria.

Ed. Stowell, of Toronto, is at the Victoria.

H. L. Whitman, of St. Louis, is at the Victoria.

A. Howe, of Chelan, is at the Victoria.

A. P. Pines, a private detective of Seattle, is at the Victoria.

Dr. A. Arnold, of Toronto, is at the Victoria.

Chas. E. Hope, of Hope, Gravely & Co., Vancouver, is at the Victoria.

Fred. E. Turner, of New Westminster, is at the Victoria.

C. H. Baird, of Toronto, is at the Victoria.

C. F. Bayliss, of Toronto, is at the Victoria.

S. Cahn, of Cahn & Cohn, Seattle, purchasers of the wrecked collier Miami, and Ira Bronson, a Seattle attorney, are at the Victoria.

Gen. D. T. Thaddeus, formerly proprietor of the Hotel Northern, Seattle, and now of Cape Nome, is at the Victoria. He will go North on the Alaska.

Fritz Miller and T. McLaren, of Athlone, Trevor Corry, of the San Francisco Wave, is here completing arrangements for the Victoria edition of that paper.

Thus it will be seen that neither the government nor those most concerned in the interests of the island countenance in any way this unwarranted attack.

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Copper River Makes Maniacs

Military Explorer's Weird Tale of Effects of Exposure in Glacial Wilds.

Vast Deposits of Ore Promise Success for Railroad in This Region.

Capt. W. R. Abercrombie, 2nd United States Infantry, commanding the Copper River, Alaska, exploring expedition during the season of 1899, has made a report of his operations to the secretary of war. The report covers a variety of the subjects, in which the inhabitants of the United States are deeply interested. One of the important topics treated is the work thus far performed in laying out the great Trans-Alaskan military route from Port Valdez, Alaska, to Port Egbert, on the Yukon.

Capt. Abercrombie left Washington, D.C., March 22, 1899, under instructions from the war department to open a military road from Valdez to Cooper Center, Alaska. In the course of his labors he was instructed to select suitable locations at Valdez, Cooper Center, the crossing of the Upper Copper, the crossing of the Tanana, the head of Forty-Mile creek and such other points as in his judgment might be deemed proper for military reservations. In addition to selecting available routes of travel and feasible routes for railroad construction, he was to ascertain the adaptability of the country for agricultural and stock raising. He was also to take note of the mineral resources of the country passed over, as well as the resources in timber, timber fuel and food products. He was directed to find the material best suited for animals, as well as upon the location and condition of the natives of the territory explored.

On the arrival of Capt. Abercrombie, April 21, 1899, at Valdez, he met a motley looking crowd that had just arrived from a long journey over the Valdez glacier from the Copper River valley. From reports received he was led to believe that hundreds were dying of starvation and scurvy in the region named. Subsequent investigation demonstrated that these reports were not exaggerated. He visited the various camps in which the natives were housed, and these destitute prospectors were housed, and found them in a most pitiable condition. They were crowded together in detachments of from fifteen to twenty men, in log cabins, 12x15, in the centre of which was a stove. On the floor of the cabin at night they would spread their blankets and lie down, packed like sardines in a box.

There were no facilities for bathing.

Most of the sufferers were afflicted with scurvy, while not a few of them had frost-bitten hands, faces and feet. Their foot-wear in some instances consisted of the tops of rubber boots, that had been cut out and manufactured into shoes. Around their feet were worn strips of gunny sacks, which were used in place of socks. The stench from these cabins, Capt. Abercrombie states, was intolerable. In talking with these pitiable objects, Capt. Abercrombie states that upwards of 70 per cent. of them were mentally deranged. His attention was especially directed in his investigation to a big, raw-boned Swede, who described to him how a demon had strangled his son on the glacier. The Swede's narrative was to the effect that he had just started from Twelve-Mile Plant (a small collection of huts just across the coast range of mountains at Valdez) with his son to go to the post company with some other prospectors. While on the way up the coast region of Alaska he about a cent. greater than in the United States. Common laborers, \$1.00. White Pass and Yukon railroad, \$3.50 per day. Along the Yukon river the rates paid during the season of 1899 were: Common labor, 65¢ per hour; skilled labor, \$1.00 per day; foreman of party, \$15 per day.

Total cost in United States, \$25,158.

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9-Dallas Road and Simcoe street, James Bay.

10-Vancouver and Burdette avenue.

11-Douglas and Humboldt streets.

12-Humboldt and Rupert streets.

13-Yates and Broad streets.

14-Fort and Government streets.

15-Yates and Wharf streets.

16-Johnson and Government streets.

17-Douglas street, between Fort and View streets.

27-No. 1 Fire Hall, Pandora street.

31-View and Blanchard streets.

32-Fort and Quadra streets.

34-Yates and Cook streets.

35-Cuthbert and Quadra streets.

36-Intersection Oak Bay and Cuthbert roads.

41-Quadra and Pandora streets.

42-Quadra and Blanchard streets.

43-Caledonia and Cook streets.

44-Blanchard and Discovery streets.

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Finance and Commerce

STOCKS IN NEW YORK.

New York, Feb. 21.—Interest in the stock market continued very restricted and operations to-day were largely in the hands of professionals. The market closed the earlier days of the week. There was, furthermore, the hardening tendency of the money market, which was only evident in quotations for time, money and mercantile paper, call money remaining easy, but in spite of these depressing factors the underwriters in the general list was rather notable for firmness and in the railroad department net losses are the exception rather than the rule. A disregard by the speculative public of the diminishing bank reserve through absorption by the United States treasury is accounted for to some extent by the fact that gold is being received from Canada and from California enough to pay off the drain upon the treasury. Closing quotations:

Amn. Cob. Oil	37
Amn. Tob.	109 1/2
Amn. Sugar	113 1/4
Anaconda	45
A. T. & S. F.	207 1/2
A. S. & W.	68 1/2
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Nine out of twenty-six, and there is reason to think it may have been nine out of twenty-four, because two of Victoria's contingent were reported to be on duty elsewhere: This is the record of Victoria's boys on the occasion of their first encounter with the foe. Four dead, five wounded. If the list of casualties is any test of the fierceness of the fight and the courage of those taking part in it, though the flags throughout the city may fly at half-mast, and sorrow may be in all our hearts, there is every reason why we should be proud of the gallant lads who fought for the Empire. They must have been in the thick of the fight and not have flinched under their first baptism of fire.

Many of us thought, when we bade the boys good-bye on that memorable Sunday night, and not a few of us said that they were going out only as an object lesson, and would have no need to do any fighting. We cheered them and when Sergeant Scott came forward to receive a good-bye greeting, it seemed as though we had never cheered before. The gallant fellow sleeps his last sleep on the banks of the Modder, one of the first of Canada's heroes to die for a United Empire. Not many of us knew Todd, Somers and Maundrell so well; but when we saw them ready to march, our hearts went out to them, as to brave fellows who had promptly answered their countries call. They did all they could. They gave all they had. They died for the Empire. The greatest, the most illustrious could do no more.

The five whose names are amongst the wounded are all well known in the city, and there is great sympathy for them. It may cheer them in their convalescence to know what a flood tide of sorrow swept over Victoria when the news of the day's casualties was made known. Everyone seemed to realize at once what was meant. For the first time it was brought home to us in its dread reality.

Naturally when speaking of this first contribution of Canadian blood for the cementing of the Empire, our thoughts turn to the boys from our own city upon whom so much of the burden fell, but we must not lose sight of the fact that of the Royal Canadians engaged at Modder river, nineteen fell dead and sixty were wounded. Yesterday morning's dispatches told how a group of twenty men from Australia fell fighting, every man of them preferring death to surrender. A few days ago we read of the fate of some gallant New Zealanders. The affairs of the Empire can never again be as they have been. The sons of England, of Ireland, of Scotland, of Canada, of Australia, of New Zealand, of South Africa have fought side by side for the flag and the Empire, have fallen upon the same battlefield and lie buried as if in a common grave. At last we are one. At last we have something more than common traditions and a common language to bind us together. We have a new achievement in common. We have new glories to share. We walk side by side in the shadow of the same sorrows.

THE WAR.

The wisdom of the original plan of campaign in South Africa has been shown by recent events. Kimberley has been relieved and Ladysmith will be in a few days; and the relief has been what we called "automatic" a few weeks ago, when speaking of the probability of its taking place. The invasion of the Free State by a strong force compelled the withdrawal of the Boer forces from their positions on our territory. Some may ask why the plan was not adhered to in the first place, but there is a good reason for its temporary abandonment. The original plan of the Boers contemplated a rising of the Dutch in Bechuanaland and Cape Colony and the rapid conquest of Natal. Even if Gen. White had not been hemmed in at Ladysmith, it would have been necessary to despatch a force to Natal strong enough to hold Joubert in check. Gen. Methuen's advance on Kimberley was not solely for the relief of that town, but to drive the enemy out of Northern Cape Colony, which he had annexed with all formality; Gen. Gatacre's mission in Eastern Cape Colony was of the same nature. The rapid invasion of our territory determined the nature of our operations at the beginning of the war, and we have only been able lately to change the conditions thus created, and put the original plan into execution. As soon as Lord Roberts was able to invade the Free State, the automatic relief of Kimberley at once took place, although there was some sharp fighting; and that of Ladysmith began simultaneously. At the same time the pres-

sure on Eastern Cape Colony was relieved.

It is hardly necessary to be a military expert to realize that if the Boer forces are massed anywhere within their own country, some heavy work will be necessary before they are overthrown. This has been expected at all times since the war began, but we believe our forces will be equal to the work in hand. The information available as to the movements of our troops is very meagre, and conclusions drawn from it will very likely have to be recast almost immediately.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

The unique political conditions now existing in this province call for treatment along lines very different to those that have been followed on any previous occasion. The government has an uncertain majority of one, only because Dr. McKechnie persists in sitting and voting although an action is pending against him for a penalty for doing so, and although the Attorney-General has declined to advise the house that he believes him entitled to a seat. The government so situated is about to pass a redistribution bill and will ask the Lieutenant-Governor to allow them to appeal to the country upon it. Report has it that if they succeed in carrying redistribution they will endeavor to have the house prorogued before any other business can be transacted. It is said that when this is done, Mr. Semlin will retire and Mr. Cotton will be called on to form a government, which he will do and then appeal to the people.

It is impossible that the Lieutenant-Governor can remain passive while such a programme is being carried out, and discharge his duty as the constitutional custodian of the prerogatives of the crown. In 1898 Lieutenant-Governor McInnes undertook to form an independent judgment on the political situation created by the elections, and to act upon it. The conclusion, which he reached, was that neither of the parties in local politics had a majority of the members-elect, and he thereupon relieved Mr. Turner from office and sent for Mr. Beaven. The right of the Lieutenant-Governor to form an independent judgment on such a matter cannot be denied, but he can only exercise that right upon the condition that he shall find a minister, who will accept the responsibility. This responsibility Mr. Beaven accepted, but owing to his inability to form a cabinet was not called upon to defend it. The responsibility then devolved upon Mr. Semlin, who has accepted it but never defended it upon the grounds put forward by the Lieutenant-Governor in his correspondence with his dismissed ministry. Numerous precedents can be cited from the books showing the right of a lieutenant-governor to utilize all sources of information bearing on public affairs and form his own conclusions, but we need go no further than our own legislature and no further back than last year. In the session of 1899, Mr. Joseph Martin, speaking for the present government on February 23, said:

"The Lieutenant-Governor is bound to take cognizance of all the facts as they come to his knowledge—facts presented to him, as they are to every one else, by means of newspapers and other sources of information."

In case the ministry as at present constituted may repudiate the utterances of Mr. Martin, we may quote Mr. Semlin, who said:

"But the Lieutenant-Governor here had watched very closely the trend of public events. He well knew of the exertion of the late government to retain power."

We can ask nothing more than Mr. Semlin here claims in his own behalf, and we hold that he cannot escape the consequences of this doctrine when it is applied to himself. When he goes to the Lieutenant-Governor, asking for a dissolution, he may expect His Honor to say to him: "I have watched very closely the trend of public events, and I know of the exertions you have made to remain in power. I know that you would have been defeated several times in the present session, if it had not been for Dr. McKechnie's vote, and I know that grave doubt exists whether Dr. McKechnie has any right to sit and vote in the house. I know that you cannot claim to have the confidence of the majority of the legislature, for I can read the newspapers just as well as you can, and I know what has been going on just as well as you do. I know that you have abandoned every measure indicated in my speech from the throne, and that you have introduced the Redistribution Act under pressure from a member, whom you drove from the cabinet. Under these circumstances I decline to accept your advice, and must ask you to retire from office." If the Lieutenant-Governor should say this Mr. Semlin would have no right to object, and the people would unquestionably endorse it.

The Lieutenant-Governor must see, as every one else sees clearly enough, that the whole business of the country is being brought to a standstill, while Mr. Semlin and his colleagues scheme for office. It is plain beyond all possibility of misunderstanding that the active business of legislation has been suspended since Thursday last, although there are many bills and resolutions ready to be proceeded with, solely in order that the government may put up some kind of a job whereby they can escape defeat at the hands of the house. They dare not let their measures come up for discussion, they dare not give the house an opportunity of expressing itself on a question of confidence. They hope to be able to get through a bill, which will so alter the distribution of representation that they can retain power after an election, which is a confession

that they do not possess the confidence of the house, and the Lieutenant-Governor is asked to prostitute his exalted office for the purpose of enabling them to play the game of politics with loaded dice. We utterly decline to believe that he will do so, but feel certain that he will insist that his present advisers shall give place to men in whom he and the country can have confidence.

The Colonist extends to the families and friends of those Royal Canadians who fell at Modder river its heartfelt sympathy in their sorrow.

The word "not" was omitted from an editorial in yesterday's Colonist in which reference was made to Mr. Paterson. The sentence as written read: "If Mr. Paterson is not behind the enterprise, then no one is who can pretend to be able to carry it through." As printed the sentence had no meaning at all.

The first cold water to be thrown on the Island railway project came from the Victoria city council, which refused to appropriate \$200 to pay the expenses of obtaining signatures to a memorial as requested by the public meeting. The aldermen who opposed the appropriation were Messrs. Yates, Stewart, Beckwith, Brydon and Cameron. This is not very encouraging, but it will not stop the agitation for the road in the slightest particular.

While no one will object seriously to the adjournment of the house yesterday as a token of sympathy with those who fell at Modder River, we think it just as well to say that it was proper only because this was the first occasion on which it has ever become necessary to do anything of the kind. Hereafter we must take these things as a matter of course. This is a part of the responsibility of empire.

One gentleman last evening offered the Colonist \$20 as a contribution to a fund for the relief of the Victoria boys wounded at Modder River, and a correspondent writes that something should be done in this direction. Something will be done without a doubt, but perhaps it may be well to wait for additional news as to the necessities of the case. The Citizens' Patriotic Committee will doubtless take the matter up.

The action of the United States Consul in flying his flag at half-mast yesterday, in recognition of the sorrow felt by our citizens over the loss of their brave boys, was very highly appreciated. We do not mistake the meaning of the act. It was that of a whole-souled man, who felt that as a representative of a great and friendly nation, his flag ought not to be at the top of the mast, while all the others in the city were lowered. Consul Smith has added to his circle of friends and deepened the esteem in which he is held by this very courteous and sympathetic act.

The Times does not appear to appreciate the dignity of the newspaper profession. We printed yesterday the amounts paid by the federal government to certain newspapers, expressing at the same time the opinion that they were not large. The object of the paragraph was to disabuse the public mind of the notion that governments secure the support of newspapers by the lavish use of patronage. The Times seeks to create the impression that this may formerly have been the case, if it is not so now. It never was the case, and the Times knows it never was.

The dinner and reunion of Eastern Canadians, which was to have been held at the Dallas hotel last night, was postponed as a mark of sympathy with the Victoria boys—dead and wounded at Modder river. Upwards of seventy-five tickets had been sold and as more were asked for the attendance would have reached nearly if not quite one hundred. The dinner will be paid for, so that the proprietress of the hotel will not be the loser. The Colonist is requested to say that if any of the ticket holders wish their money refunded, they can get it by applying to the person from whom they bought the ticket, the committee undertaking to make up any shortage in the bill that may thereby be occasioned. Another date will be fixed for the affair, which would have been a great success, if held last night under other circumstances.

Letters to The Editor

STRANGE POLITICAL CONDITIONS.

Sir: The condition of affairs over James Bay causes one to ask one's self if we are to day living under constitutional government in British Columbia. The actions of the Semlin government are such as to lead one to believe they are playing a bold game, and by the introduction and passage of the redistribution bill to play a game of loaded dice.

They have been in session nearly eight weeks and no bill of importance has been carried through. Now when they cannot

carry on the business of the country—even with the casting vote of the Speaker—they resort to subterfuge, such as I may say is their form of action and proposed legislation.

Can there be anything more unfair and unjust to allow a government which has been holding on for weeks by the vote of one man and many times the vote of the Speaker, to be allowed to introduce a gerrymander scheme and let all the important business of the country, including the supply, to go in order that they may fortify themselves in office? Yes, the game is a bold one; but I for one do not think H.H. Hon. the Lieutenant-Governor will allow such an outrage to be perpetrated on the people. Surely it cannot be so.

Constitutional government is not based on such constitutional actions. No greater crime could be committed on the people of this country than to have the fundamental principles of our government trampled upon for the sake of party ends.

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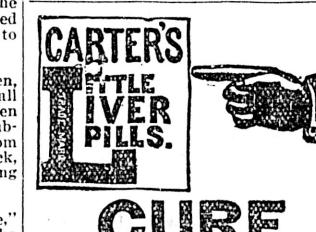
HOSPITAL SHIP MAINE.

New York, Feb. 19.—Lady Randolph Churchill has cabled to Mrs. Cornelia Adair, now in this city, saying that the American hospital ship Maine, now at Durban, Natal, is nearly full of sick and wounded. The cable says that the most difficult cases are sent to the hospital ship owing to the excellency of her arrangements. The ship has many Irish soldiers on board from the Dublin Fusiliers and also men from the 13th, 14th and 18th Hussars, the Rifle Brigade, the West Yorks and the Fifth Lancasters. Lady Churchill says the state are all hard at work and that all is satisfactory on board the ship.

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Defeat the wily Boer,
Unless he tones his system up
With good old "Jesse Moore?"

NO HINT AT MEDIATION.

London, Feb. 19.—Inquiries in official circles here confirm despatches from the Associated Press showing there is no truth in the information contained in the Paris despatch that President McKinley has sounded the British ambassador as to how an offer of mediation in the South African war on the part of the United States would be received by Great Britain. It is said in highest official circles here that Secretary Hay understands Great Britain would not consider any such proposition.



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Time.	Height above zero	Time.	Height above zero
1:30 a.m.	7.8 feet.	2:30 a.m.	8.1 feet.
6:50 a.m.	8.2 feet.	7:20 a.m.	8.2 feet
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Committee to Meet.—The committee who have in charge arrangements for the patriotic concert to be given by the Daughters of St. George on the 23rd inst. will hold a special meeting on Friday evening next.

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Donation to Hospital.—The thanks of the directors of the Jubilee hospital are extended to W. Atkins, who yesterday forwarded a check for \$10 to the treasurer for the benefit of the hospital.

Regina vs. Holland.—The trial of Regina vs. Holland, a case stated, was opened in the Supreme court yesterday. The defendant is W. S. Holland, of the firm of F. J. Holland & Co., Vancouver, who was convicted before Police Magistrate Russell in that city with canvassing for the Equity Fire Insurance Co., a company not authorized by either the Dominion or Provincial acts to do business in the province. The trial will be continued on Monday.

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Savoy Theatre.—This popular home of amusement has been crowded to the doors each night this week, and justly so, for a better vaudeville bill has never been presented in the city. The programme opens with a very laughable comedy produced by those clever farceurs, Post and Ashley. Among the performers are Frank Morris, a rival of Sandow, who is ably assisted by his charming wife. They present some wonderful feats of strength. The Misses Rogers and Adair, two beautiful singers, also make their initial appearance this week. Miss Dickie Woodford, a lady direct from the leading English music halls, has jumped into popular favor at once. Ethel Lyndon has, by general request, been re-engaged for this week only. Post and Ashley, the kings of comedy, rightly gain the plaudits of the large audiences. The balance of the company remain as popular as ever; in fact those who have not already had the good fortune of seeing the show should not miss the opportunity.

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In the Police Court.—Before Magistrate Hall yesterday, Wing Chang Eng, charged with an infraction of the Sunday by-law, was remanded until this morning. The Gin Wing perjury case was also adjourned till this afternoon.

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From Our Own Correspondent.

Concert and Magic Lantern.—The following is the programme for the entertainment this evening in Odd Fellows' hall, Spring Ridge, in aid of the Twentieth Century Fund of St. Barnabas church:

Instrumental Mr. Jesse Longfield
Song Mr. W. Calvert
Reading Ven. Archdeacon Serventy
Song Mrs. Adams
"Cello Solo Master Bertie Foot
Song (in costume) "Soldiers of the Queen" 4 young ladies
Solo (cornet) Master J. Rausch
Song Miss Stoddart
Magic lantern exhibition 45 views
Instrumental Mr. J. Longfield
Song—"Powder Monkey" Rev. E. G. Miller
"God Save the Queen."

Temperance Hall Concert.—Next Saturday evening in Temperance Hall will be a red letter night in connection with the popular concerts held there every Saturday night. The programme is in the hands of Mr. J. G. Brown, and as it is "gentlemen's night," only members of the male sex will be allowed to take part in any capacity that evening. Mr. Brown has secured the assistance of the best talent the city affords, among whom are the following: Messrs. H. Kent, W. H. Barton, A. Brownlie, Major Monroe, Mr. Rivers, Rev. Mr. Flinton, Rev. Mr. Barradough, A. Semple, J. Stewart, J. Brooks, Mr. Lively, J. Gordon, B. Bantley, and Mr. J. G. Brown.

From the foregoing array of talent a programme of unequalled excellence should be produced, and the capacity of the hall will no doubt be tested. Considerable rivalry exists between the ladies and gentlemen as to which shall give the best programme and have the largest attendance. At this concert Mr. Brown will sing a song composed by Mr. Bantley entitled "Sons of the Empire" and "When Next We Meet," composed by Mr. W. H. Barton, both local musicians of note.

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Beautiful Work of Art Commemorative
of the War in South Africa.

Messrs. Raphael Tuck & Sons, Ltd., the well known art publishers of London, Eng., have lately issued a photograph after the original painting by Harry Payne, entitled "Sons of the Empire" the proceeds of the sale of which of that firm have resolved to devote to the Transvaal war fund for the widows and orphans. A copy of this picture is now on view in J. Summer's window on Government street. The unique spectacle presented to the world by the "Sons of the Empire" on which the sun never sets standing shoulder to shoulder in the cause of justice and freedom, her colonies hastening to share the dangers and participate in the glories of the Mother Country, is a fitting subject to be commemorated for the benefit of the dead heroes of the brave men who are shedding their blood in the service of their Queen and Country.

It is believed by everyone in a position to know anything at all about the company's affairs that a final agreement has been reached with the people who are to put up the money for the \$2,000,000 of P. A. E. bonds, and that this last movement on the part of the officials means the signing, sealing and delivering of the goods. In short there is little doubt that this is the status of affairs, and that a few more days, or at least weeks, of waiting will bring the announcement of good news that is good news."

When taken at the proper time a little Jesse Moore "AA" whiskey will prevent a cold.

FROM THE FRONT.

Letter From One of the Victoria Contingent in South Africa.

The following is an extract from a letter to Hon. C. F. Cornwallis from his son, Temple Cornwallis, who is at the front with the Victoria boys. The letter is dated January 3:

"We spent Christmas very quietly, got a few extras in the grub line, such as fruit, etc., and also 7 chickens amongst 129 men! It is beautifully cool after sunset till sunrise, but then the heat is fearful. Summer weather in B. C. is quite cool to what it is in this part of the world. I was out on outpost duty the other day; we were out on an open flat and no shade whatever; you cannot imagine the discomfort. Considering the work and discomfort we meet with the men are in good spirits, at any rate such is the case with the Victoria contingent, and all are in good health. There are three companies of the Cornwalls here, a battery of horse artillery and a company of Muster Fusiliers.

"You would not know me with six weeks' growth on my chin and a great deal of sunburn and dirt mixed. Water is scarce and so washing is a luxury.

"We got paid the noble sum of £1 18s 6d on the 1st, although I received £3 18s 6d through a mistake of the paymaster. He seemed quite surprised to find a 'Tommy' returning with the £2 extra.

"We sleep with our sidearms on and our rifles besides us, but have had no call for them as yet, although I hope we shall before we return home. The R. H. Artillery and some Australians who are camped next to us went out about 14 miles a couple of days ago and had some fun capturing 40 Boers, but lost 3 or 4 men.

"Lord Methuen says we shall be in the next engagement in the third firing line. I presume that they do not want to put us in the first, being volunteers, when there are numbers of regulars; however, we shall see some fighting in the third line."

Very Annoying.—One of the most vexatious things in modern times is to read as it were a story in our daily papers and then find at the end of the same a patent medicine ad. Of course, the thing is not just what we like, but as there is near at hand a pleasant remedy which comes to all who buy their newspapers, books and stationery at the Victoria News Co.'s store, 86 Yates street, R. T. Williams manager, the annoyance after all is not so very great.

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From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Feb. 21.—The longshoremen's strike presented some startling situations to-day. The Pacific Coast Steamship Co. offered their engineers \$10 a day each to go to work, but they refused. The crew worked, and an attempt to get the Seamen's Union at San Francisco to stop them failed. At 5 a.m. 50 Japanese were put on loading through freight. The Mayor and Japanese Consul Shimezu were called from their beds and asked to intercede, while the C. P. R. freighters' union called an emergency meeting and struck in a body, tying up every train and ship in port. The Japanese were induced to quit, and the C. P. R. freighters went to work again. The longshoremen are still out and appear to have the best of the situation.

F. Menatty drank a quart of gin on a bet and narrowly escaped death. He was unconscious twelve hours, with the doctor over him.

The steamer Moyie is still tied up at Nelson, with 61 passengers on board, while the waiter on the Moyie has smallpox.

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SOLDIERS' WIVES' LEAGUE.

Information About an Organization Which Is Meeting With Much Favor.

For the information of the public it is deemed advisable to publish the following objects of the Soldiers' Wives' League:

ORGANIZATION OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

Patron—Her Excellency the Countess of Minto.

President—Mrs. Hutton.

Vice-Presidents—Mrs. Drummond, Mrs. Thos. Ross.

Hon. Secretary—Mrs. Cotton.

Hon. Treasurer—Mrs. W. E. Hodgins.

General Committee—The wives of the district officers commanding in each district.

General Executive Committee—Officers of the association and two members elected by the general committee—the two chosen are Lady Ritchie and Mrs. Tilton.

Branches of the league are being established at the headquarters of each military district, and which, with minor local branches, will endeavor to reach all portions of the force.

The latter will report to their local district branches.

AIMS AND OBJECTS.

The object of this league is to bring the wives of all soldiers, whether officers, non-commissioned officers or men of the staff, permanent corps and active militia of Canada, into closer touch and sympathy with one another, so that whether in sickness or in health, they may be able mutually to aid and assist one another and their families in times of difficulty, trouble or distress.

It is also hoped that by means of the league not only volunteers have greater inducements to join the militia, but also that they will be encouraged to continue their service therein, in excess of the usual limited period of enlistment.

So far the work has been almost entirely confined to cases requiring assistance on account of the departure of our contingents to join the Imperial forces, but the original aim has not been entirely overlooked.

It will be noted that the objects of this league are, in part, embraced by those which have been since its formation published as part of the Canadian Patriotic Defence Association, and the league hopes that in the distribution of the funds of the latter they may be enabled to assist the work of the association by their more intimate knowledge of the individual requirements of that class with which they are in immediate touch.

JESSIE COTTON, Secretary, Central Committee, Soldiers' Wives' League, Ottawa, 29th January, 1900.

PROMOTION BY SELECTION.

Schemes to Enable President to Reward Merit in the American Army.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The secretary of war has sent to the senate and house military committee a draft of a bill that the department claims greatly strengthens the military system and remedies defects developed during the Spanish-American war. The bill was introduced in the house to-day by Chairman Hull.

A chief feature of the legislation asked for provides for one-third of promotions to be made by selection. This is to enable the President to reward specially gallant and meritorious services. It recognizes both the line-jackets and marines also, and, with a deserved position, the whole forming a group which, in its picturesqueness, its power and its concentrated force, well typifies the vastness and solidarity of the Empire.

A limited number of double and single, limited proofs and artist's proofs, on India, each one stamped and numbered, will be issued, and these will doubtless soon command high premiums.

All orders, whether for proofs or prints, will be filled in the exact rotation in which they are received, delivery commencing from January 1, and the public are invited both for their own sake and that of the artist, to place orders immediately either direct or to a local fine art dealer or stationer.

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A chief feature of the legislation asked for provides for special recognition and in no case be the creatures of personal or political intervention. The bill gives the President control of the tenure of office of heads of staff departments, and he can by and with the advice and consent of the senate, make a new head of a department at any time when in his opinion the appointment would increase the efficiency of the department, the officer relieved being transferred to the retired list.

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Arion Club's Second Concert

Orchestral Accompaniment a
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posed by Founder.

Requiem Sung for Victoria's Dead on the Banks of the Modder River.

In their second concert of this their eighth season, the Arion Club yesterday evening succeeded in thoroughly delighting an appreciatively critical audience with an admirably arranged programme in which new songs and old favorites were judiciously mingled. The club was assisted for the occasion by Miss Edith Lombard (contralto), Miss Agnes Russell (piano), Dr. Richard Nash (violin), Mr. Aaron A. Parritt (cello), and Mr. J. L. Raynes (organ). The augmentation of the accompaniment provision, directly in line with the contemplated development of an orchestral side in the club's life—which is understood to have been a phase of the plan for the club's future in the mind of its original director at the time of his lamented death—was especially noticed during the presentation of yesterday evening's programme; while the personnel of the club showed very considerable change, with an acquisition of fresh voices and enthusiasm that should be productive of excellent results.

In their new numbers of the evening the choir displayed considerable versatility, the first being a rollicking, joyful, humorous apostrophe to the elder of Old Norway (the Rev. Arthur E. Dyer), which was given with admirable accuracy of attack, although perhaps, missing the warmth and zest usually imparted by the club to this class of music. The second of the new numbers—W. H. Neldlinger's "Come, Love, Come"—gave a very poetic and charmingly metaphorical voice picture, the singing being notably well balanced and the song one of the prettiest and best handled numbers of the night. The second part of the programme opened with the Latin drinking song by Genee, "Bibit, Bibit, Bibit," which was notable chiefly as further evidencing the commendable versatility of the club. In yet another new number, "Parting" (Appeal), the solo was taken successfully by Mr. R. Worlock, who, while exhibiting some slight nervousness, acquitted himself on the whole happily and creditably, with a merited round of applause.

Improved singing and life was shown by the club in "The Singing Has Come" (Dudley Buck); while the daintiness of the club's shading and phrasing was exhibited in the old favorite "Good Night" (Kueken), ennobled as it always is, and Vandersteen's world-popular "Sweet and Low," the arrangement being entirely different from the familiar fireside setting. Completing the club numbers were the fine descriptives, "Lord Ullin's Daughter" (Alfred H. Gaunt), the soloists being Messrs. H. J. Cave, Herbert Kent, and P. Wallington; and the less familiar "Gift of Music," (J. H. Brewer), in which the individual honors fell to Mr. W. S. Goodwin—these being the two heaviest pieces of the evening. As an extra number at the close of the programme, the "Soldiers' Farewell" was sung with splendid depth of feeling, in memory of those Victorians who have proved their loyalty with their lives and found a soldier's grave on the African battlefield. The audience rose while this number was being sung and received it with the homage of deep silence.

Miss Lombard in her second number scored a conspicuous success with "Tun Bell," as an encore, being what is by many conceded to have been the bright partie-gem of the evening, the "Cradle Song" (Kate Viannah). In her earlier number—(a) Ritournelle and (b) The Ideal, C. Chamade, this promising young contralto showed a beautiful voice and effective method, although by the hypercritical exception might be taken to her articulation and her breathing system.

NEW FIRE ENGINE.

An Addition to Victoria's Equipment
Shipped From Portland.

The new combined chemical engine and hose wagon which was shipped from Portland, Ore., yesterday, should arrive here on Saturday. It is to be inspected by the city council, and if it proves satisfactory will be purchased. This will be the first step towards equipping Victoria West with good fire-fighting facilities.

This machine was purchased by the city of Everett during the boom. They intended to put in a modern fire department with all the latest improved apparatus, but when the boom was over it was found that the maintenance of this department was too expensive, and the city council decided to fall back on the volunteer system and sell their new apparatus.

Mr. A. G. Long, agent of the Champion Manufacturing Company, of Chicago, from whom the engine was bought, undertook to sell it to Victoria for \$1,200 which together with the duty and freight will bring the cost up to \$1,700. The cost of a similar engine direct from the factory would be about \$3,900, thus the city will make a substantial saving.

The engine is almost new and has two cylinders of 60 gallons capacity each, four acid receptacles, 200 feet of 1-inch 4-ply special rubber hose, coupled; two brass shut-off nozzles, with three tips; a wire basket for chemical hose, with connecting pipe to the cylinders; four brass Eclipse lanterns; two 14-foot ladders, made to splice. There are also the necessities in the way of buckets, wrenches, torches, gongs, axes and crow-bars. The wheels are of the Archibald pattern, and the springs are of oil-tempered steel. The frame is of iron, and the brake controls the four wheels. There is capacity for 600 feet of 2½-inch rubber fire hose, and the color of the apparatus is English vermilion, with gold-leaf striping.

NAPOLEON ON DRUNKENNESS.

Napoleon Bonaparte will appear in the March Century in a new rôle—that of a temperance advocate. In the second instalment of Dr. O'Meara's hitherto unpublished "Talks with Napoleon" at St. Helena, it is recorded that, having a pain in his side, the ex-Emperor asked his physician to show him where his liver was situated; and the latter, in some remarks on the causes of inflammation of that organ, mentioned intoxication as one of them. The thought Napoleon remarked:

"Then I ought not to have it, as I never was drunk but once in my life; and that was twenty-four years ago, at Nice. I drank three bottles of Burgundy, and was completely drunk. O, how sick I was the next day! I wonder how a man who once gets drunk can ever think of doing it again. Such headache, vomiting, and general sickness! I was nearly dead for two days."

THE LOCAL NEWS.

W. C. T. U.—The regular business meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held on Thursday at the Refuge home, on Cormorant street.

Theosophical Lecturer.—Dr. Will C. Bailey, of San Francisco, the Pacific coast lecturer of the Theosophical society will speak to-night in Pioneer hall upon "The Origin of Matter." The lecture will be illustrated with large charts. Tomorrow night Dr. Bailey will speak upon "The Ascet of Man."

New Trial.—The new trial of Bird et al. vs. Veith & Borland, arising out of the sale of a pack train, will be heard on Wednesday next. In the first trial judgment was given for the plaintiffs, the Full court granting new trial. The trial of the Bank of B. C. vs. Oppenheimer will be heard on Monday.

A Second Action.—Another action against Hon. Dr. McKechnie for an alleged breach of the Independence of Parliament Act was commenced yesterday. The plaintiff is the same party as in the first action, W. Woodman, of Nanaimo, who claims \$500 on account of Dr. McKechnie having occupied his seat in the legislature on Tuesday.

Mayor's Dinner.—The following gentlemen dined last evening with His Worship the Mayor: Right Rev. Bishop Criddle, Lieut.-Col. Gregory, Aldermen Kinsman, Williams, Cameron, Brydon, Kinsman, Stewart, Yates, Cooley and Hall; Messrs. C. H. Lugin, W. J. Taylor, J. M. Bradburn, C. D. Mason, Dr. R. L. Fraser, Charles Kent, W. J. Dowler, W. W. Northcott, J. L. Raynor, C. H. Topp and Henry Goward.

The McPhee Company.—In spite of the inclement weather, a good-sized audience greeted McPhee's Big Company at the A. O. U. W. hall last night, when they produced the five-act comedy-drama, "Mabel Heath, or, Stricken Blind," and judging from the applause the company succeeded in amusing their audience. To-night the company produce the four-act comedy, "Bonnie the Meddler."

Trades and Labor.—Considerable business was transacted at the meeting of the Trades and Labor Council last night. It is proposed that steps be taken to establish one or two union barber shops in the city under the control of the barbers' union of Vancouver. The cigarmakers complained of the depression in their trade by the importation of Eastern goods. Four years ago 40 cigarmakers found employment in the city, while to-day only 12 are steadily employed. It was pointed out that of the 3,000,000 cigars consumed in the city each year only 900,000 are manufactured here, the balance being imported. The council will ask wholesale and retail handlers of cigars to give home manufactured goods the preference. A petition will be circulated for signatures asking the provincial government to extend the eight-hour day to all public works. In the matter of the Victoria mail sorters and letter carriers being discriminated against in the recent raise of salaries granted Western post office employees, the council deferred action till its next meeting. The compiling of the constitution and by-laws was reported completed, and the tender of the Colonist for printing them was accepted.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Saturday's association football game for the provincial intermediate championship cup between the Columbias and Victorias will be the final match between these teams and will decide which will represent Victoria against the Nanaimo Thistles, in the final match for the cup. The game will be played at the Caledonia grounds and will commence at 3 o'clock. The teams are as follows: Columbias—goal, Marshall; backs, Nesbitt and Burns; half-backs, Robertson, Dalby, and Turner; forwards, Berkeley, Fell, Wilson, Lawson, and Netherby. Colors, red and white. The Victoria team will be picked from the following: W. H. Kinsman, A. Peden, W. York, S. Lorimer, W. McKeown, J. Hart, E. White, J. H. Ibister, J. Lorimer, W. N. Winsby, A. Hibbs, J. Pauline, H. G. Lawson, and R. B. Powell.

The next game in the junior league series (Victoria) will be played between the Boys' Brigade and the junior Columbias on Beacon Hill on Saturday afternoon commencing at 1:45 sharp. The teams are as follows: Boys' Brigade: Goal, W. Loveridge; backs, A. Belyea and A. Haughton; half-backs, F. Cullin, G. Temple, and W. Edmunds; forwards, J. Anderson, W. Ross, J. Hogg, R. Finlayson, and J. Sonnen. Colors, blue and white. Columbias: Goal, Paterson; backs, O'Kell and Blackburn; half-backs, Kinloch, Wales and Sweetland; forwards, Gibson, W. Kinloch, C. Wiggins, McArthur, and Kroeger. Colors, red and white. Official referee, A. Rutherford.

All members of the Victoria senior team are requested to attend practice at Beacon Hill on Saturday afternoon commencing at 3 o'clock, in preparation for the game which will be played the Saturday following.

MONTHS' SHIPPING.

Report of R. P. Rithet & Co. for the Month of January.

The following is R. P. Rithet & Co.'s freight and shipping report for January: "The grain and freight markets during the past month show very little change in their general position. Although there was a slight tendency to a firmer market for wheat towards the close of the month, low prices are still ruling, and there is therefore little encouragement to exporters to push business. Notwithstanding this feature, freights continue firm with very little tonnage available, either spot or to arrive. There is still a large surplus of grain to be moved, and there is every prospect of the present high freight rates continuing for some time. The demand for lumber continues steady and the increased price mentioned in our last is freely paid. Grain freights may be quoted at about the same as last recorded, while rates for lumber show a general advance, particularly for Australian ports. For early loading something higher rates have been paid than noted."

THE SALMON FLEET.

Five Ships Already Chartered For Next Season's Trade.

The salmon exporters are already looking out for tonnage for the coming season's trade and a total of over 8,000 tons has already been secured. The following vessels have been chartered: British ship Dechmont, 1,727 tons; Clan Mackenzie, of the Clan line, 1,684 tons; Ardmurchan, 1,718 tons; Serene, 1,478 tons, and Fiery Gross, 1,456 tons. The rate paid to the Dechmont is 37s. 6d., the Clan Mackenzie 36s. 3d. and the Ardmurchan, 37s.

RETAIL MARKETS.

Quotations for Provisions Corrected Up to Last Evening.

The retail market quotations are as follows:

Flour—
Ogilvie's Hungarian, per cwt. \$5.00
Flour of the Woods, per cwt. 5.00
G. K. per cwt. 4.75
Snow Flake, per cwt. 4.20
Calgary, Hungarian, per cwt. 5.00
Premier, per cwt. 5.00
XXX Enderby, per cwt. 4.20

Grain—
Wheat, per ton 28.00/29.00
Corn (white), per ton 24.00/25.00
Oats (whole), per ton 24.00/25.00
Oats, per ton 26.00/28.00
Oatmeal, per 10 lbs. 40c.
Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 7lb sack 30

Feed—
Hay (baled), per ton 16.00/17.00
Straw, per bale 5.00/7.50
Middlings, per ton 21.00/22.00
Hops, per ton 20.00/22.00
Ground feed, per ton 24.00/26.00

Vegetables—
Potatoes, per 100 lbs. 1.00c 1 25
Cabbages, per lb. 10c 15
Cauliflower, per head 25
Lettuce, 4 heads for 25
Carrots, per lb. 25
Turnips, per lb. 15
Celery, per bunch 20
Tomatoes, per lb. 20
Pears, per lb. 10
Onions, per lb. 5

Fish—
Salmon (smoked), per lb. 20
Salmon (spring), per lb. 40
Oysters (Lymington), per pt. 75
Oysters (Eastern), per tin 75
Herring, per lb. 10
Herring, per lb. 5
Smelts, per lb. 8
Flounders, per lb. 6
Crabs, 3 for 25

Farm Produce—
Eggs (Manitoba), per dozen 25
Eggs (Island), fresh, per dozen 30
Butter (Delta creamery) 40
Beef dairy 25
Butter (Cowichan creamery) 40
Cheese (Canadian) 20
Lard, per lb. 12 1/2c

Melts—
Hams (American), per lb. 17c 18
Hams (Canadian), per lb. 16c 18
Bacon (American), per lb. 16c 18
Bacon (Canadian), per lb. 14c 18
Bacon (rolled), per lb. 12c 18
Bacon (long clear), per lb. 12c 18
Shoulders (per lb.) 8c 18
Pork (per lb.) 10 1/2c 18
Mutton (per lb.) 12c 18
Veal (per lb.) 10c 15

Game—
Ducks (mallards), per brace 75c 85
Ducks (middle), per brace 50
Ducks (teal), per brace 30
Ducks (brant), per brace 85c 1.00
Rabbits (Island), per pair 75

Fruit—
Bananas, per doz. 30c 35
Lemons (Californian), per doz. 25
Apples (per lb.) 5c 6
Pears, 3 lbs. for 25
Oranges (naval), per doz. 40
Nuts (all kinds), per lb. 20

Poultry—
Dressed chicken, per pair. 1.50c 1.75
Ducks (Island), per pair. 1.80c 2.00
Ducks (Eastern), per pair. 1.00c 1.50
Turkeys (Island), per lb. 23c 30
Turkeys (Eastern), per lb. 18

MARINE NOTES.

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New Mines Of Promise

Princeton Reports Sunset Copper as More Than Up to Expectations.

Lardeau Promises Sensational Output—Good Clean Up for Okanagan.

From the Rossland Miner, Feb. 18.

The officers of the Okanagan Free Gold mines yesterday received a gold brick, the result of the last clean-up of the mill. The clean-up is valued at \$2,700. This is the result of a run of 22 days, as the mill was shut down during the balance of the month, as a consequence of the excessively cold weather, the water in the pipes.

In conversation with Mr. Pool a Miner representative learned that owing to the richness of most of the properties now being worked in the Larderan, they are not troubled with any labor problems, the wages paid being \$3.50. Much of the development work in the district is done by contract, varying from \$10 to \$15 a foot for tunnel work. The working mines at present in the camp besides the Nettle L. are the Silver Cup and Sunshine, owned by English companies; Towsler, Beatrice, Ethel, Moscow and Broadway, each of which employs from 10 to 20 men.

During the last few days shipments of from 50 to 150 tons have been sent out by the Silver Cup, Sunshine and Beatrice, all of which is hundred-dollar ore or better. The Moscow, owned by Revelstoke and Caledon operators, is under development and will shortly join the list of shippers. It carries a four-foot pay streak, and being only seven miles from steamboat landing, over a good sleigh road, Mr. Pool is satisfied it can ship at a good profit.

You Rosslanders may expect big surprises from the Lardeau next summer," added Mr. Pool. "I have stayed with the camp since 1892, and I have been over every part of it. I am not afraid to predict that some big fortunes will be made there in the next two years."

GREENWOOD.

Greenwood, Feb. 13.—The work of construction and installing the electric light plant of the Greenwood Electric Company is nearing completion and it is hoped by the first of next week, the 240 horse power engine, the last piece of machinery, will be set up.

The connection between Greenwood and Phoenix is also being pushed. It will not be after the local service is working that Phoenix will also be getting lights. The city has agreed to take half a dozen 2,000 candle power arc lamps, and will be installed after these have been tested.

Last night at the city council meeting a petition signed by 46 property holders of Anacinda, the adjoining townsite, was presented requesting the city to include the townsite within its municipal boundaries. The petition will receive the careful consideration of the aldermen and arrangements will be made to accomplish the object desired, which will be of mutual benefit to the citizens of Anacinda and of Greenwood. Besides it just means an addition of 400 to the city, which will bring it near the 4,000 mark. Greenwood can certainly claim to be the most populous town of the district.

Greenwood, Feb. 16.—The final payment of \$11,250 was made to day on the Red Rock in Greenwood camp. A Sherbrook Quebec company bought the claim last summer for twenty-five thousand.

GRAND FORKS.

Grand Forks, Feb. 14.—The Majestic and City of Paris mines in Central camp, owned by Jay P. Graves and associates, have let a contract for the hauling of the ore now on the dump, amounting to 7,000 tons, to the Grand Forks smelter.

The main tunnel in the Vaneau, north fork of Kettle river, is now in 200 feet. There are good indications that the ore body will be encountered shortly. The formation is becoming greatly broken up and the seams in the rock are impregnated with chalcocite.

The city council has adopted a resolution strongly endorsing the application of the Kettle River railway for a charter from the Dominion parliament.

W. H. Covert's fruit farm, four miles from Grand Forks, in the Kettle River valley, is fair famed not only for the quality, but the quantity of fruit grown. Having demonstrated that the soil and climate are peculiarly adapted for fruit growing, he has decided to place an additional 120 acres under cultivation this spring. Mr. Covert purposes raising apples, pears, peaches and plums. He is the largest grower in the district.

During his visit here last fall, Hon. Sid Fisher, minister of agriculture, was so greatly pleased with the fruit grown on the Covert farm that he ordered a special exhibit to be sent to the Paris exposition.

HOW ONE GETS BILIOUS.

A sluggish liver fails to filter the bile from the blood, and when the poisonous matter goes through the body in the circulation, the bile system becomes deranged. This is called biliousness, and can be completely cured by Dr. A. W. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, which act directly on the liver, making it healthy and active. One pill a dose, 25 cents a box. The cheapest medicine in the world.

THE MINERS' GREAT PETITION.

Alien Corporation to Lavish Its Dollars on Influencing British Columbia Laws.

From the Sandon Mining Review.

The members of District Union No. 6, Western Federation of Miners, said to be about 4,000 men, have sent a petition to the government in favor of the eight-hour law; and though commented on approvingly by Mr. Cotton's paper, it has many what might be called peculiarities, to say the least of its prayers. As the whole force of the entire document is a demand for the retention of that law in its entirety, criticism has of necessity but one drift. The petitioners want to know if they are to be considered in the same category as so many animals that live on black bread and hog fat, that can live in a rude hut and need no books or time for material improvement. We take it the public well know that a considerable number of the miners do not use what time they might have in any event to the best advantage; but it is not our intention to talk on the consideration of even the document in that regard. It may as well here be understood, once for all, that it is not simply because the law constitutes eight hours a day's work that the opponents of the law object to it, but for a more far-reaching reason—that it deprives men and owners of their liberty and reduces them to the rank of "animals," the creations to which the petitioners so much object, by depriving them of their right to liberty or the exercise of human judgment. We have at

all times admitted that good men can do the work required of them in eight hours—we have gone further, and admitted that there are many underground workings in all camps in which it is injurious to work even eight hours; but as it is well known that owners have not the means of compelling men to work longer than eight hours on end, that long, unless they do want to do it, the end desired by the petitioners could have been attained by mutual arrangement between the only two parties interested, and that too without the law that has cost the country lasting friendship between employers and employees and several years' growth besides. We will illustrate what we say. Some three weeks since the painters of Vancouver met and adopted nine hours a day's work. A short time previous the carpenters of Nelson met and agreed on the duration of a day, and both without either law or act of parliament. The miners of the Larderan could have done the same thing, and then too without disturbing legislation. It used to be said that "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," but the Western Federation will the destruction of liberty a matter of choice.

Next they object to the "disruption" of the government by political trickery; it must be saved by organized trickery, and that organization an alien institution besides, whose president declares that he prefers to gain his end by the sword. They next ask for the decapitation of the inspector of mines because he has lost their "confidence and respect." No doubt Boyce, who, Mahomet like, believes the sword will be the man of their choice in his place.

Further on it is urged the wages demanded are not above those paid to first-class miners in Cripple Creek. This may all be; but the petitioners do not show that the miners of the Slocan are all first-class men, nor yet that the conditions here are the same as those of Cripple Creek—that all the properties here are as far developed, and therefore, as well able to pay as the properties in Cripple Creek. It appears to us these 11 unions should be given another petition verifying these conditions before the first condition should be considered. We venture the opinion, in this connection, that if the petitioners could assure the owners that they had nothing but first-class men, or better still, had only asked the highest pay for the best miners they have, allowing their second and third rate men to take second and third rate wages, the trouble in the Slocan would have been settled long ago.

The fourth grave assertion is that the evidence before Commissioner Clute has proved that miners will perhaps do as much work in eight hours as they formerly did in ten. No doubt it was proved to the satisfaction of the Western Federation; but merely to assert it has not proved it to the province nor to Mr. Clute either. The petitions of the owners at Rossland and of the Slocan, who better know the facts from trial say the miners will either have to shut down or reduce wages under the law.

The closing paragraph of the petition must be in the posy with a lovely aroma for any cabinet minister in a British colony. Here it is:

"Any tampering with the eight-hour law at this late day will result in a struggle which will last until every dollar in the Western Federation of Miners has been expended."

Is not this refreshing? It is in most shape-faced print declared that the Western Federation of Miners, whose president is Boyce that arch rebel to his own country, is boss of the present B.C. government, and will spend the last dollar they have in forcing legislation in this British colony that best suits their own ends and objects only. Is not this refreshing? It appears to us that any government of British Columbia, possessing the ordinary feeling of dignity and independence, would resent intimidations like that as they ought to be resented; but it remains to be seen how it will be accepted by the present administration.

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Weak, Lame, Aching Backs, the Result of Sluggish, Inactive Kidneys.

Backache is in reality kidney ache. The kidneys become clogged and fatter in their work of filtering the blood. Backache is nature's warning that the kidneys are on strike, and that the blood is going through the system laden with foul poisons, which will cause Bright's disease, dropsy, diabetes, rheumatism, and other equally painful and fatal complications.

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Tenders are asked by noon of Monday, February 26th, for building a house at Oak Bay. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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MUNICIPAL NOTICE.

Victoria and Saanich Railway Extension and Loan By-Law

I hereby give notice that such of the electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria, as are entitled to vote on a by-law for raising money upon the credit of the Municipality, are requested to attend at the Public Market Building, Cornforth Street, on the 28th ward, of the said Municipality, at which they are so entitled to vote, on Wednesday, the 28th day of February, 1900, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., to receive their voter book and to pass the passes of the Victoria and Saanich Railway Extension and Loan By-Law, 1900, a copy of which by-law is published in the Victoria Daily Colonist, and copies whereof are posted at the City Hall, and at the Public Market Building, Cornforth Street, on the 28th ward, and to take notice that said by-law will not be valid, or of any effect, unless the vote polled in favor thereof be at least a three-fifths majority of the voters.

The polling places are as follows, viz.

For the North Ward, Central Ward and South Ward will be held at the Public Market Building, fronting on Cornforth Street.

Given under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, this 15th day of February, 1900.

WM. W. NORTHCOTT, Returning Officer.

BOOK EXCHANGE.

CASHMERE'S, 103 Douglas street; buys and exchanges all kinds of books and novels.

BUILDERS & GENERAL CONTRACTOR THOMAS CATTERALL—16 Broad St., Box 648; office fittings, wharves repaired etc.

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JOSPH HEANEY, Truck and Drayman—Office 22 Yates street; studios 110 Superior street; Telephone 174.

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E. G. PRIOR & CO.—Hardware and Agricultural Implements. Cor. Johnson and Government.

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VICTORIA MACHINERY DEPOT CO., LTD. (late Spratt & Gray)—Engineers, founders, supplies, etc., 17 and 19 Work street. Telephone 570.

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THE WEATHER

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, Feb. 21.—8 p.m.
SYNOPSIS.

Unsettled weather still continues, the pressure is rising on the coast and the low area is passing eastward and traversing the Territories with considerable energy, the recent high area in that district giving way before it. Temperatures have been higher and rains have been very general and in some cases very heavy. Southerly to westerly winds have prevailed, increasing in force from fresh to high on the coast.

TEMPERATURES.

	Min. Max.
Victoria	46 53
New Westminster	38 50
Kamloops	34 50
Barkerville	26 38
Calgary	14 44
Winnipeg	14 22
Portland, Ore.	42 58
San Francisco	52 60

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 p.m. (Pacific time), Thursday:

Victoria and Vicinity—Fresh to strong south and west winds; partly fair, with occasional rains.

Lower Mainland—Unsettled, with rains.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 21.

Deg. Deg.

5 a.m.	44	Mean.....	53
Noon	50	Highest.....	53
5 p.m.	47	Lowest.....	43

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m. 6 miles southeast.

Noon. 28 miles southwest.

5 p.m. 16 miles southwest.

Average state of weather—Partly fair, with showers.

Rain—25 inch.

Sunshine—3 hours 18 minutes.

Barometer at noon—Observed..... 29.796

Corrected..... 29.800

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p.m.—Corrected..... 29.806

PASSENGERS.

By steamer Victorian from the Sound:

J. D. Thagard. P. Harrow.

J. L. Romer. Mrs. Harrow.

C. H. Miller. N. J. Jennings.

P. McLeod. A. R. Phibneus.

Mrs. Mutville. Miss Livingston.

J. Edger. F. Roy.

T. Cope. J. P. Fairbank.

C. P. Miller. H. Tempkin.

G. W. Cann. H. Blankenship.

W. R. George. J. R. Atkin.

W. C. Bailey. R. J. Mott.

A. C. Gibbons. C. G. Gandy.

H. L. Bickman. G. M. Pine.

D. Calsky. Bob. Wilson.

Simon. Harry Goodwin.

A. Magneson. G. L. Bair.

R. Erskine. B. J. Methvin.

L. W. Graham. J. Gilmore.

Mrs. Graham. W. M. McCauley.

By steamer Islander from Vancouver:

R. Daudy. H. Baurin.

H. C. Baird. F. G. Turner.

J. W. Williams. S. G. Falkner.

H. H. Cameron. E. Hope.

H. K. Peiser. Mrs. Edie.

R. Ward. Thos. Hooper.

D. Taylor. Capt. Foot.

H. O. Munsie. E. Moran.

J. A. Anderson. E. W. Pratt.

R. B. Hall. Jas. McCull.

C. Lightfoot. Jas. McCauley.

Alex. Shaw. Wm. Walker.

D. Woodward. J. C. Devlin.

CONSIGNEES.

By steamer Victorian from the Sound:

H. Hayfield Co. M. Burns.

McLeod & Cary. J. Calsky.

Hutcheson & Sons. S. Leiser & Co.

L. Goodacre. D. K. Chungs.

rechen Bros. Erskine, W. & Co.

J. Savannah. W. G. W. Bros.

Ruth Bros. W. Young.

A. Luckock. McCandless Bros.

W. R. Shakespeare. J. P. Peler & Co.

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GERMAN FRIENDSHIP.

Emperor and His Ministers Grieved That

It Is Not Reciprocated by British

People.

Berlin, Feb. 20.—The foreign office

watches with some solicitude the growing

anti-German sentiment in Great

Britain. The truth is that Germany,

since the outbreak of the war in South

Africa has maintained the strictest neu-

trality. No responsible German states-

man or official has hitherto expressed

Anglophobe sentiment. It may also be

assured positively that Emperor William

has on several occasions spoken in a

spirit of decided friendliness toward the

British. True, the German press is in-

clined to be anti-British, as are also the

masses of the people, but—the foreign

office points out—this is a spontaneous

outburst for which the government can-

not be held responsible. The foreign

office denies that there is any justification

for the statement in parliament of Brod-

erick, the British foreign undersecretary,

particularly for the assertion that Ger-

man harbors schemes against the inde-

pendence of the Netherlands.

The Berliner Post to-night contains an

inspired article setting forth the fore-

going in detail.

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"I have been using your Diamond Dyes

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given entire satisfaction. To-day we are

obliged to buy more, as we are making

sixty yards of rug carpet. I have used

your cotton colors and I think they are

beautiful. The stripes in my carpet—black,

green, red and yellow—are rich, I cannot

sufficiently praise Diamond Dyes; all my

neighbors speak well of them."

VICTORIANS IN SLAIN

Five Killed and Ten Wounded the Western Company's Share in Heavy Loss by Canadians at Modder River.

Victims Well Known in Community and General Expressions of Grief and Sympathy—Vancouver Too Mourns Model Volunteer

...Tribute by Legislature.

Peace to the fallen—they who died

As heroes for their country's pride!

"Tis vain to weep, yet shall the tear

Drop merrily o'er the warrior's bier;

For the twin' glorious to record

That's dauntless sweep thro' fire and sword;

Can we forget, while triumph glows,

The brother, comrade, lover, friend?

On whom our ten'rest hopes depend?

Yet died they as true heroes die,

Face to the foe; heart to the sky;

And one fond thought would fain beguile:

They live in our victorious smile.

—Frederic Irving Taylor.

Victoria, B.C., February 21.

Flags at half-mast, sorrowful citizens

examining bulletins boards, the sons and

daughters of those who had lost dearest

friends, little groups with down-cast

faces conversing in hushed tones—all pro-

claimed yesterday morning that Victoria

had been much too realize what war

meant, what fighting for the flag meant,

what colonial patriotism meant. Four

Victoria boys had fallen at the front

and others were wounded—perhaps dying

in faraway Africa.

Gloom settled over the entire commu-

nity—not the gloom of defeat, or that

afflicts craven hearts, but a gloom born

of knowledge that Victoria homes had

been plunged into mourning through the

loss of loved-ones by the severing of

ties which would have been sealed at the

marriage altar had death been less

cruel, by the cutting off in manhood's